



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

August 16th, 2015
12th Sunday after Pentecost



The Key to Wise Living

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER

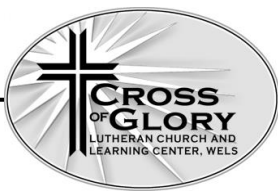
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD & SACRAMENT

HYMN.....Songs of Praise the Angels Sang (CW #222)

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



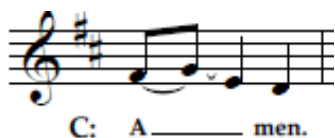
C: Christ, have mer— cy.

- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

O LORD, OUR LORD

4
O Lord, our Lord, how glo rious is your name in all the earth. Al mighty y

7
God, mer ci ful Fa ther, you crown our life with_ your

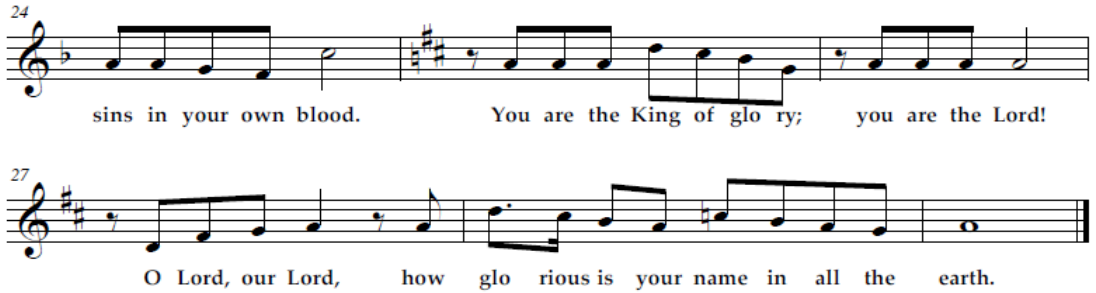
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love. You take a way our sin; you com fort our spir it; you make us pure

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and ho ly in your sight. You did not spare your on ly Son, but gave him up

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for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glo rious is your name in all the earth.

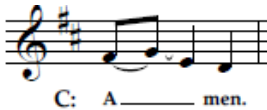
19
— O Son of God, e ter nal Word of the Fa ther, you came to live with

22
us; you made your Fa ther known; you washed us from our



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

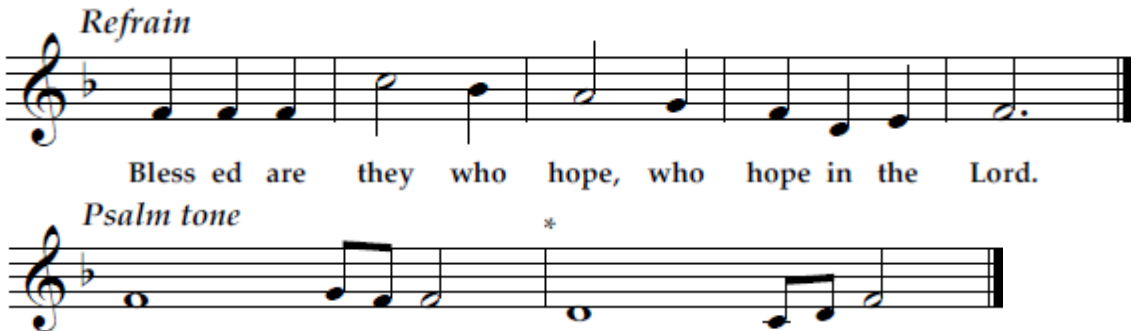
THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars.² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.³ She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city.⁴ "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment.⁵ "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 1



M: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the 'wicked *

C: or stand in the way of 'sinners

M: But his delight is in the law 'of the LORD, *

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

M: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in 'season *

C: and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does 'prosper.

Refrain

M: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the 'judgment, *

C: nor sinners in the assembly of the 'righteous.

M: For the LORD watches over the way of the 'righteous, *

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*

And to the Holy 'Spirit;

As it was in the be 'ginning, *

Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

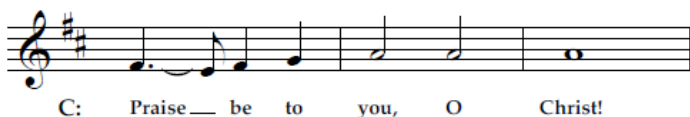
THE VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL.....John 6:51-59

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"⁵³ Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever."⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY.....Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening (CW #283)

SERMON.....Ephesians 5:15-20

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: **Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

Silent prayer.

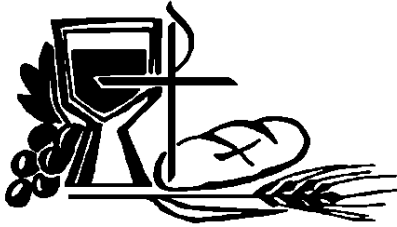
M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



M: The O Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

C: Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo ry. You are my God and
I will ex alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be come my sal
va tion. Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—



us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have



mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

DISTRIBUTION (Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness - CW # 311 vv. 5-8)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



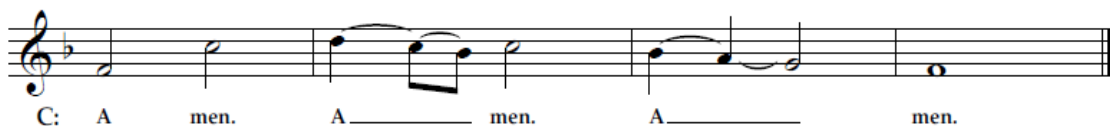
C: A— men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....Holy Spirit, Light Divine (CW #183)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: 31.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$4710.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday (8/23):	9:15 a.m.	Ministry Motivation / Listening Session
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Hahm at King of Kings, Alexandria

AUGUST LISTENING SESSIONS / MINISTRY MOTIVATION



All members of Cross of Glory are encouraged to attend our special August listening sessions held during the Sunday morning Bible Study hour (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.) on August 16th, 23rd and 30th. We will have the opportunity to review our ministry plan from the previous year and discuss upcoming opportunities for ministry.

KICKOFF SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13TH



The fall season of Sunday School, Bible Study, and worship at Cross of Glory will be kicking off on Sunday, September 13th. Following worship, there will be time for some fellowship with an ice cream social.

* Our Growing in Christ Sunday School is a great opportunity for children all ages to hear God's Word in a fun and interactive learning environment.

* Our adult Bible study session will begin with a series based on the book "Rainbow Savior." We'll look at what the Scriptures say on a range of topics concerning homosexuality—from reaching loved ones struggling to interacting with a world embracing it as an acceptable alternative lifestyle.